

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO INCREASE FEES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA
OCTOBER 20, 2010**

TIME AND PLACE: The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:05 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on proposed amendments to increase fees charged to regulants and applicants. The regulations are necessary for compliance with §54.1-113 of the Code of Virginia, which requires a board to increase its fees if expenditures exceed revenue by 10% or more. The proposed regulation was published in the August 30, 2010 *Register of Regulations*.

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Ashley Reed
Diane Carey

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Carey made public comment and stated in her opinion the fee increase is not warranted as she believes the Board of Veterinary Medicine is not protecting the public and that a full review of the complaint process should be conducted.

ADJOURN: With no further comment received, the hearing adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

James W. DeBell, DVM, President

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